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COLORED CITIZENS RESOLUTE

Meet And Denounce The Assault of One of Their Own Race Upon a White Woman.

And Pledge Their Best Efforts to Assist in Bringing the Brute Speedy Justice.

Last Tuesday morning the colored people of Wagoner met at the law office of Hamble Carrington, Main street to discuss the heinous crime perpetrated the day before upon a white woman by a member of their own race in the vicinity of Wagoner.

D. G. Mitchell was elected as chairman and Hamble Carrington as secretary, and introduced the following resolution which were unanimously adopted:

Whereas, It has been recently reported that a very heinous crime has been committed in the neighborhood of our beloved city, Wagoner, by some member of our race on an individual of the other race, the white race, be it—

Resolved, That we, as the good colored citizens of Wagoner and its vicinity, denounce the perpetration of such crimes, by whomsoever committed, and place on record as ready and willing at this time or any other time hereafter to assist the authorities in capturing the perpetrator of this reported crime or any other crime that might be committed to disturb the peace and quietude of our country. Be it further

Resolved, That the good colored citizens of this vicinity form a posse from among themselves, and offer their services to the U. S. Marshal and the authorities to help run down the scoundrel the reported perpetrator of the heinous crime, and see that he be properly lodged in prison, and receives the punishment he deserves, and as the law directs. And be it further

Resolved, That we, as the good colored citizens of this beloved country of ours, wished to be placed on record as denouncing mob law, believing that the law is adequate for the punishment of all crimes and that the majesty of the law should be upheld at any cost.

Hamble Carrington was the spokesman of the meeting which he addressed in an earnest sensible manner. He said that the colored people of Wagoner stood for the punishment of crime and that the race had nothing to do with it. They believed in good morals and denounced violations of law no difference who the perpetrator might be or whether he was black or white. They did not uphold crime of any kind or character committed by members of their own race and it was their duty in the present instance to assist in every possible way to apprehend the criminal and see to it that he receives swift punishment for his crime. It was evident the audience approved what he said and volunteers to assist in the search were called for quite a number responded and left for the neighborhood where the guilty wretch was supposed to be hiding.

Our colored citizens did the proper thing in thus publicly placing themselves on record and it will, we believe, have a good moral effect. Wagoner Record.

A NEGRO BISHOP ELECTED

Scott Will Be Sent Among The Race in Africa.

Los Angeles, Cal., May 31.—It is unofficially stated today that the ballot taken by the Methodist General Conference Saturday for the missionary bishops, the result of which will be announced officially Monday morning, has resulted in the election of Dr. I. B. Scott of Louisiana (colored) as missionary bishop to Africa, and Dr. W. F. Oldham and Dr. K. E. Robinson as additional bishops in Southern Asia. Dr. Scott's election occasioned some surprise, as it was thought that Dr. Camdhor of Liberia would be the successful candidate.

Nearly all the bishops filled pulpits either at the morning or evening services in this city and nearby towns.

While Monday, May 30, is the day set for the final adjournment of the conference, it is believed that practically all the important business will have been completed before the end of the present week.

Two subjects will doubtless cause a spirited debate during the next few days namely, the amusement question and the relations of capital and labor. The latter was made the subject of a special report from the judiciary committee last week, in which vigorous denunciation was made of the "greed of corporations and their indifference to the welfare of their employees."

It was sought to have the conference pass the resolutions reported by the judiciary committee as the expression of the body, but strong opposition developed, when it was made the special order for Tuesday morning.—Fraternal Union.

DIDN'T GO IN PRINT SHOP.

Some time ago a Negro compositor from Alabama secured a place in the government printing office, and recently was assigned to work in an "alley" in which a number of white men are employed. Some of these men, particularly John W. Martin, of North Carolina, objected to the presence of the Negro. Mr. Martin, seeing that there were number of vacant frames, asked that he be transferred to another "alley." After waiting a few days Martin saw that the foreman, D. J. Roberts of Kansas had no disposition to grant his request. He told the foreman that the situation was distasteful to him by reason of the presence of the Negro. This failed to make any impression, whereupon Martin took his grievance to O. J. Ricketts, chief of the entire printing department. Unsuccessful again, he applied for relief to R. S. McNeil, secretary of the North Carolina Republic.

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